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a weigh-bridge exists, for weighment. Unless provision is made for weighment, I am afraid that the law will either prove a source of harassment even though the power of arrest is conferred on more responsible officers or it will remain a dead letter. I would like the Hon. Minister to tell us what provision is made for testing the load of carts whether drawn by men or bullocks.''

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—'' Sir, I cannot say what exactly is the provision that is made for weighment. But I know that there is no facility for weighment in every police station. Such facility exists only in some stations in Madras City. I have seen only motor cars being taken for weighment. I have not got the information ready, as I did not anticipate this question. I shall get the information supplied to my hon. Friend.

'' As it was complained that the harassment was there because even a constable was empowered to arrest, we are putting in more responsible officers.''

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—'' The question is—

' that the Madras City Police (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 45 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration.'

The motion was carried.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—'' Sir, I move—

' *that the Bill passed into law.*' ''

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—'' The question is—

' that the Madras City Police (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 45 of 1949), be passed into law.' ''

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(8) THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND (REDUCTION OF RENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 46 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' Mr. Deputy President, Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill,* 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 46 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

'' Sir, this is an amending Bill to clarify certain doubts that have been raised whether the amount of money payable to the religious or charitable institutions after the rents are reduced under the Rent Reduction Act represents that which is accrued due to the institution during the relevant fasli year or years, or only the amount actually collected by it during that period. The section, as it stands to-day says that the amount payable is what

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is derived from that institution, and that led to certain doubts and the Hindu Religious Endowments Board also wanted a clarification in the matter. That point was again examined and to make the intention of the Government clear, this small amendment has been brought forward. The intention is that all amounts which accrued due to the institution, whether actually collected or not should be taken into consideration in arriving at the amount.''

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—'' The motion is—

' that the Bill to amend the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 46 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once '.''

The motion was carried.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—'' Sir, I now move—

' *that the Bill be passed into law.*' ''

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—'' The motion is—

' that the Bill to amend the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 46 of 1949), be passed into law.' ''

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(9) THE MADRAS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UNDERTAKINGS (ACQUISITION) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 32 OF 1949).

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Mr. Deputy President, Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill,* 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 32 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

'' This Bill is intended for the speedy nationalisation of all electricity undertakings in this Province. By approaching this honourable House with a request for conferring on the Government the powers specified in this Bill the House should not presume that we are only just beginning to make a start in nationalisation. The process of nationalisation of this industry, commenced two decades ago, when we laid the foundation of the Pykara Hydro-Electric Scheme as a State-enterprise. Encouraged by the early success of that project, we completed in quick time the Mettur and the Papanasam hydro-electric schemes and built up a network or grid of transmission lines in our Southern districts. In the early days of our hydro-electric development, we thought that the retail distribution of the power generated in State power-houses could be left to private enterprise. Every encouragement was given to licensees to expand their business and the control exercised over them by an inspectorate was just nominal. But